



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HIRAYAMA, Toshinobu et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1765**

Serial No.: **09/979,508**

Examiner: **UMEZ ERONINI, L.**

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For: **GAS FOR PLASMA REACTION AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED JANUARY 7, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 4, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **January 7, 2004**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 12-14; and Group (II),  
Claims 15-26.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 12-14 for prosecution in  
this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants'  
rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35  
USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an  
appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit  
Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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